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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) Method for connecting a device not having wireless communication capability to a wireless network; characterized, at the level of a bridge device comprising means for interfacing with the wireless network comprising [an] a wireless access point, by the steps of:

   - detecting a connection between the device and the bridge device;

   - determining a MAC address for the device and for the bridge device; and

   - separately registering to the wireless access point, with their respective MAC addresses, the device and the bridge device as wireless devices on the wireless network, wherein the registration is performed through an authentication and an association process of the type as defined by the IEEE 802.11 standard.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) Method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of having the bridge device monitor traffic on the wireless network for the device.

4. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of programming packet filters for packets having as destination address the MAC address of the device, and upon detection of such a packet, acknowledging receipt of said packet in place of the device.

5. (Previously presented)   Method according to claim 3, further comprising at

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least one of the following steps:

-       forwarding all multicast packets detected on the wireless network from the

bridge device to the connected device;

-       forwarding all broadcast packets detected on the wireless network from

the bridge device to the connected device;

-       forwarding unicast packets on the wireless network having as destination

address the MAC address of the connected device to that device.

6. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 4, further comprising at

least one of the following steps:

-       forwarding all multicast packets detected on the wireless network from the

bridge device to the connected device;

-       forwarding all broadcast packets detected on the wireless network from

the bridge device to the connected device;

-       forwarding unicast packets on the wireless network having as destination

address the MAC address of the connected device to that device.

7. (Original) Method according to claim 1, where the connection between the

device and the bridge device is an Ethernet connection, and wherein the step of detecting

the connection comprises monitoring packets on the Ethernet connection for detecting a

previously unknown source address of an Ethernet device.

8. (Original) Method according to claim 3, where the connection between the

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device and the bridge device is an Ethernet connection, and wherein the step of detecting

the connection comprises monitoring packets on the Ethernet connection for detecting a

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9. (Original) Method according to claim 5, where the connection between the

device and the bridge device is an Ethernet connection, and wherein the step of detecting

the connection comprises monitoring packets on the Ethernet connection for detecting a

previously unknown source address of an Ethernet device

10. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein the wireless

network is of the IEEE 802.11 type, further comprising the step of maintaining a single

management information base for both the bridge device and the connected device.

11. (Original) Method according to claim 3, wherein the wireless network is of

the IEEE 802.11 type, further comprising the step of maintaining a single management

information base for both the bridge device and the connected device.

12. (Original) Method according to claim 4, wherein the wireless network is of

the IEEE 802.11 type, further comprising the step of maintaining a single management

information base for both the bridge device and the connected device.

13. (Original) Method according to claim 5, wherein the wireless network is

of the IEEE 802.11 type, further comprising the step of maintaining a single management

information base for both the bridge device and the connected device.

14. (Currently amended) Bridge device comprising means for communication on a wireless network and for connection of a first device not having wireless communication capability to a wireless network comprising [an] a wireless access point, said bridge device comprising:

- means for determining a MAC address of the first device and of the bridge device;

- means for carrying out two separate device registrations, one for the bridge device, and one for the first device, for separately registering the first device and the bridge device to the wireless access point as wireless devices on the wireless network using their respective MAC addresses, wherein the registration is performed through an authentication and an association process of the type as defined by the IEEE 802.11 standard.

15. (Currently amended) Method for connecting a device not having wireless communication capability to a wireless network; characterized, at the level of a bridge device adapted to interface with a wireless access point on the wireless network, by the steps of:

- detecting a connection between the device and the bridge device;

- determining a MAC address for the device and for the bridge device; and

- separately registering as wireless devices, with their respective MAC addresses, the device and the bridge device to the wireless access point on the wireless

network, wherein the registration is performed through an authentication process of the type as defined by the IEEE 802.11 standard.

16. (Currently amended) Bridge device adapted for communication <u>with a wireless access point</u> on a wireless network and for connection of a first device not having wireless communication capability, said bridge device comprising:

- means for determining a MAC address of the first device and of the bridge device;

- means for carrying out two separate device registrations, one for the bridge device, and one for the first device, for <u>separately</u> registering the bridge device and the first device <u>to the wireless access point</u> as wireless devices on the wireless network using respective MAC addresses of the bridge device and the first device, wherein the registration is performed through an authentication process of the type as defined by the IEEE 802.11 standard.